lane and about 660 Kms. of road length to four lanes.

Steps to Control Negligence by Drivers of Private Buses

7243. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the travails of commuters and other travelling public due to rash and negligent driving by Red line bus operators in the capital;

(b) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a write up in the 'Pioneer' dated 20th April, 1995 under the heading "ugly face of privatisation"; and

(c) what precautions Government porpose to take to control the irresponsible behaviour of private operators on inter-State routes before the privatisation is introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The permit conditions are always prescribed for safe operation of the vehicles and adherence to the prescribed time tables and speed limit. Such conditions are equally applicable for Govt. and private buses. The enforcement authorities of State Transport Deptts. also monitor these operations.

Revival of CSL, HSL and HDPE

7244. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 55 and Unstarred Question 3043 given in the Rajya Sabha on 27.7.94 and 17.8.94 respectively and state:

(a) whether the consideration/examination of the proposal for revival of Hooghly Dock and Port Engineers Ltd. (HDPE) has been completed;

(b) if so, the salient features of the outcome of the examination and the steps being proposed to be taken for revival, outlining the action proposed for implementation;

(c) if not, the time frame for completion of the examination of this proposal highlighting the salient features of the proposal under consideration;

(d) whether two other Shipyards in India namely Cochin Shipyard Ltd. (CSL) and Hindustan Shipyard Ltd. (HSL) have been revived/are being revived by way of writing off several hundred crores of rupees, if so, whether similar steps are being taken for revamping of HDPE; and

(e) the investment made by GOI so far towards upgradation of facilities/modernisation of CSL, HSL and HDPE since their nationalisation vis-a-vis loss incurred by these companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (d) Since the assurances given in reply to the Starred Question No. 55 and Unstarred Question No. 3043, the issue of revival of the company and other related issues have been under the process of examination in consultation with other Ministries/Departments. Meanwhile, the company has suggested an action plan containing certain short-term measures to improve the performance of the company so as to render it viable. Action to examise these suggestions has since been initiated.

Restructuring of CSL has already been completed and action in respect of HSL has since been initiated.

(e) For improving, upgradation and modernisation of production facilities, Govt. of India have sanctioned projects amounting to Rs. 153.13 crores, Rs. 52.49 crores, and Rs. 15.56 crores for Hindustan Shipyard Ltd., Cochin Shipyard Ltd., and Hooghly Dock & Port Engineers Ltd. respectively, the loss incurred by the Hindustan Shipyard Ltd., Cochin Shipyard Ltd. and the Hooghly Dock & Port Engineers Ltd. are to the tune of Rs. 679.19 crores, Rs. 190.95 crores and Rs. 49.24 crores respectively.

Progress in Construction and Maintenance of National Highways in Gujarat

7245. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated to Gujarat for construction and maintenance of highways from the Central Road Fund during 1993-94 and 1994-95; and

(b) the progress made in regard to completion of these works?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Funds under the Central Road Fund (CRF) are released for the Construction and development of State Roads approved under Central Road Fund. The amount released to Gujarat for the ongoing works under Central Road Fund during the last two years, year-wise are as under:—

Year	Amount Released (Rs. in lakhs)
1993-94	80 00
1994-95	239.00

(c) The works are in various stages of progress.

Visit of Automotive Team From UK

7246. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether first automotive team from United Kingdom has visited India in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof, with background;

(c) whether the automotive industry of the country has been benefited with this visit; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) This Ministry is not aware of visit of any such team.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

मध्य प्रदेश में राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों की मरम्मत

7247. **श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेव:** क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) मध्य प्रदेश में वर्ष 1994-95 में हुई भारी वर्षा से क्षतिग्रस्त राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों और राज्य के अन्य मार्गों के सुधार हेतु राज्य सरकार द्वारा कितनी धनराशि की मांग की गई है;

(ख) इसके लिए कितनी-कितनी धनराशि कब-कब स्वीकृत की गई है; और

(ग) इन मार्गों की मरम्मत के लिए राज्य और केन्द्रीय सरकार की हिस्सेदारी का ब्यौरा क्या है?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाईटलर): (क) संविधान के रूप से केन्द्र सरकार देश में मुख्यत: राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों के विकास और रख-रखाव के लिए जिम्मेदार है और राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों से भिन्न सड़कों के लिए अनिवार्यत: राज्य सरकारें जिम्मेदार होती हैं। मध्य प्रदेश ने 1994-95 के दौरान बाढ़ से क्षतिग्रस्त राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों की मरम्मत के लिए 2284.551 लाख रु० की राशि मांगी है।

(ख) और (ग) वर्ष 1994-95 के दौरान 127.68 लाख रु० की लागत के 14 बाढ़ क्षति मरम्मत कार्यों को मंजूरी दी गई है।

12.00 NOON

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

(I) Notificating the Ministry of Environment and Forests (Department of Environment, Forests and Wildlife)

(II) Report and Accounts (1993-94) of the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education, Dehradun, and related papers.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): Madam I lay on the Table—

I. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Environment and Forests (Department of Environment, Forests and Wildlife) Notification S.O. No. 2882, dated the 22nd October, 1994, publishing the Manufacture, Storage and Import of Hazardous Chemicals (Amendment) Rules, 1994, under section 26 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

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